



Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

SEARCH Program	AHECs for a Healthy Louisiana (AHL)
Organization Type	Non Profit Area Health Education Center
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Project Service Focus	Statewide Louisiana HPSAs in Rural and Urban Underserved Areas
Length of Rotation	4 Weeks
Disciplines eligible for rotation	Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry, Dentistry and Dental Hygiene, Clinical Psychology, Clinical Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, Marriage and Family Therapists, Family/Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, Primary Care Physician Assistants
Project Infrastructure Focus	Successful site rotation training through Dr. Sheila Chauvin's <i>A Standardized Model for Creating Successful and Sustainable Academic Residency and Clinical Rotations in Community Health Centers</i> . Preceptor Orientation. Models for Preceptor Training Effectiveness.
Stipend/Living Cost	Yes \$200-\$950
General Description of Your Program	Louisiana consistently ranks poorly in health care outcomes and sixty-three of Louisiana's sixty-four parishes have been identified as containing health professional shortage areas. It is especially difficult for rural and urban underserved areas to recruit and retain health care professionals. Exposing health care professionals to opportunities in these underserved areas will encourage placements upon completion of their health care training. AHECs for a Healthy Louisiana (AHL) will utilize the services of the Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) program to provide rotation opportunities for health professions students to serve on multidisciplinary health care teams in rural and urban underserved areas in Louisiana. Exposing health care professionals to

	<p>opportunities in these underserved areas will encourage placements upon completion of their health care training. AHL will 1) assist the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Services (BCRS) with its recruitment and retention efforts of health care professionals by utilizing funds to increase capacity of existing rotations and by expanding these opportunities to needed allied health professionals. AHL will 2) facilitate and strengthen partnerships between communities and academic institutions building on existing partnerships between Medical Schools, Universities and other higher education institutions that offer programs included in the SEARCH program.</p> <p>AHL has researched best practices of successful primary care recruitment and retention programs that focus on effective academic rotations in underserved rural and urban areas. Increasing the quality and number of rotations in underserved communities exposes students to interdisciplinary training programs and offers many opportunities for students to develop an interest for primary care and the health care teams found in these communities.</p>
Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program	The goal and objectives of this Program will be met through a variety of activities which are listed below: Community Projects, Multi-disciplinary training experiences, Working with diverse populations that may experience cultural barriers, Telemedicine opportunities.
List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through	Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Centers, satellite sites and other sites located in health professional shortage areas.